

REMARKS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed January 26, 2007, which has been reviewed and carefully considered. Reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-10 and 12 are allowed. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication that claims 1-10 and 12 are allowed.

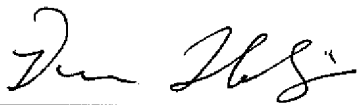
In the Office Action, claims 11 and 13-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as allegedly indefinite. Without agreeing with the Examiner, and in the interest of advancing prosecution, claims 11 and 13-18 have been amended to remove the alleged informality noted by the Examiner, including rewriting claims 11 and 13-16 in independent form having features similar to features of allowed claim 1 or 9. It is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 11 and 13-18 have been overcome. Further, it is respectfully submitted independent claims 11 and 13-16 are in allowable form and allowance thereof is respectfully requested. In addition, it is respectfully submitted that claims

17-18 should also be allowed at least based on their dependence from independent claim 16.

In addition, Applicant denies any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicant reserves the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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